

cuts a number of sticks about two feet long, which he drives in the ground, ten in a row, and near four inches asunder, and opposite to them, such another row, at six or seven feet distance from the first, which made the length of his mat; then having fastened one end of his rope to one of the corner sticks, he brings it round the corner stick, and to the next at the other end, till he has laid his frame, then he weaves across shorter ropes of the same. When he had finished his mat, he beat it with a long stick, which made it swell up, and the grass being of a soft cottony nature, he had a warm and easy bed to lie on.

Being provided with the most necessary furniture, he thinks on more conveniences, resolving to make himself a table to eat his victuals upon, and a chair to sit on, these after two or three days hard labour he completed; and as winter was coming on, he made another longer but thinner mat to cover him.

That care being over, another succeeds, but of far greater moment: Here is a dwelling said he, to shelter me from the weather, and a bed to rest this poor body of mine; but where is the food to support it? At last, he resolves to make provision of those excel-

lent roots, and with his hatchet cut a tree, wherewith he makes a shod to dig them up with more ease. With this instrument he went to the place, near the monkies quarters, the off the trees in great numbers, so they would have flown at him.

Having stood a considerable time, the animals seeing he did not go, each went and scratched enough, giving him the opportunity of getting a few for himself: And as he went to the place where they grew thick, he dug them in small heaps, as he did whilst those sly creatures were busy was digging up more, come down the trees and steal them away. When he was tired, he was contented for that time, many as his pockets would hold of those animals, which are naturally cunning, should dig them up, and he comes early the morning to make his provision: And for the sack to put them in, he takes a sack which he buttons up, and ties at the top, and as he had observed, that the abundance of off-sets hanging from the fibres, he pulled off his shirt and made another sack to put